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In re Application of
Karl Sieradzki et al.
Application No. 10/840,200
Filed: May 5, 2004
Attorney Docket No: AZMED-0400

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹, filed October 3, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A non-Final Office Action was mailed February 21, 2008 setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. No response or request for an extension of time having been filed in this application prior to the expiration of the time set for reply, this application became abandoned May 22, 2008. The instant petition and this decision precede the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b); (2) the petition fee of \$810; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

¹Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

Since this application is being revived for purposes of continuity only and since continuity has been established by this decision reviving the application, the application is again abandoned in favor of continuation in part application no. 12/195,349 filed August 20, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b).

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 3731 for processing of the continuation application filed August 20, 2008.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Faison-Ball". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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